

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE DIVISION**

Loretta Hunt,)	
)	Civil Action No.: 4:17-cv-00910-JMC
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER
)	
Commissioner of Social Security)	
Administration,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

This matter is before the court on Plaintiff Loretta Hunt’s (“Plaintiff”) Motion for Attorney’s Fees, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412, filed on September 11, 2018. (ECF No. 24.) Defendant Commissioner of Social Security Administration (“the Commissioner”) responded to Plaintiff’s Motion on September 17, 2018, and did not object to Plaintiff’s Motion (ECF No. 25). Plaintiff’s Motion requests an award of three thousand thirty-one dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$3,031.88) in attorney’s fees and twenty-two dollars and forty-six cents (\$20.01) in expenses. (ECF No. 25 at 1.) After reviewing Plaintiff’s Motion (ECF No. 24) and the Commissioner’s Response (ECF No. 25), the court finds that Plaintiff’s request for attorney’s fees is reasonable and that Plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney’s fees under 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

In accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), Equal Access to Justice Act (“EAJA”) fees awarded by this court belong to the litigant and are subject to the Treasury Offset Program, 31 U.S.C. § 3716(c)(3)(B). Therefore, the court directs that fees be payable to Plaintiff and delivered to Plaintiff’s counsel. *Ratliff*, 560 U.S. at 589. The amount of attorney’s fees payable to Plaintiff will be the balance of attorney’s fees remaining after subtracting the amount of Plaintiff’s outstanding federal debt. 31 U.S.C. § 3716. If Plaintiff’s outstanding federal debt

exceeds the amount of attorney's fees granted, the amount will be used to offset Plaintiff's federal debt and no attorney's fees shall be paid. *See id.* (See also ECF No. 25 at 1-2.)

After a thorough review of Plaintiff's Motion (ECF No. 24) and the Commissioner's Response (ECF No. 25), the court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees (ECF No. 24) and awards Plaintiff \$3,031.88 in attorney's fees and \$20.01 in expenses.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Michelle Childs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

United States District Judge

March 8, 2019
Columbia, South Carolina